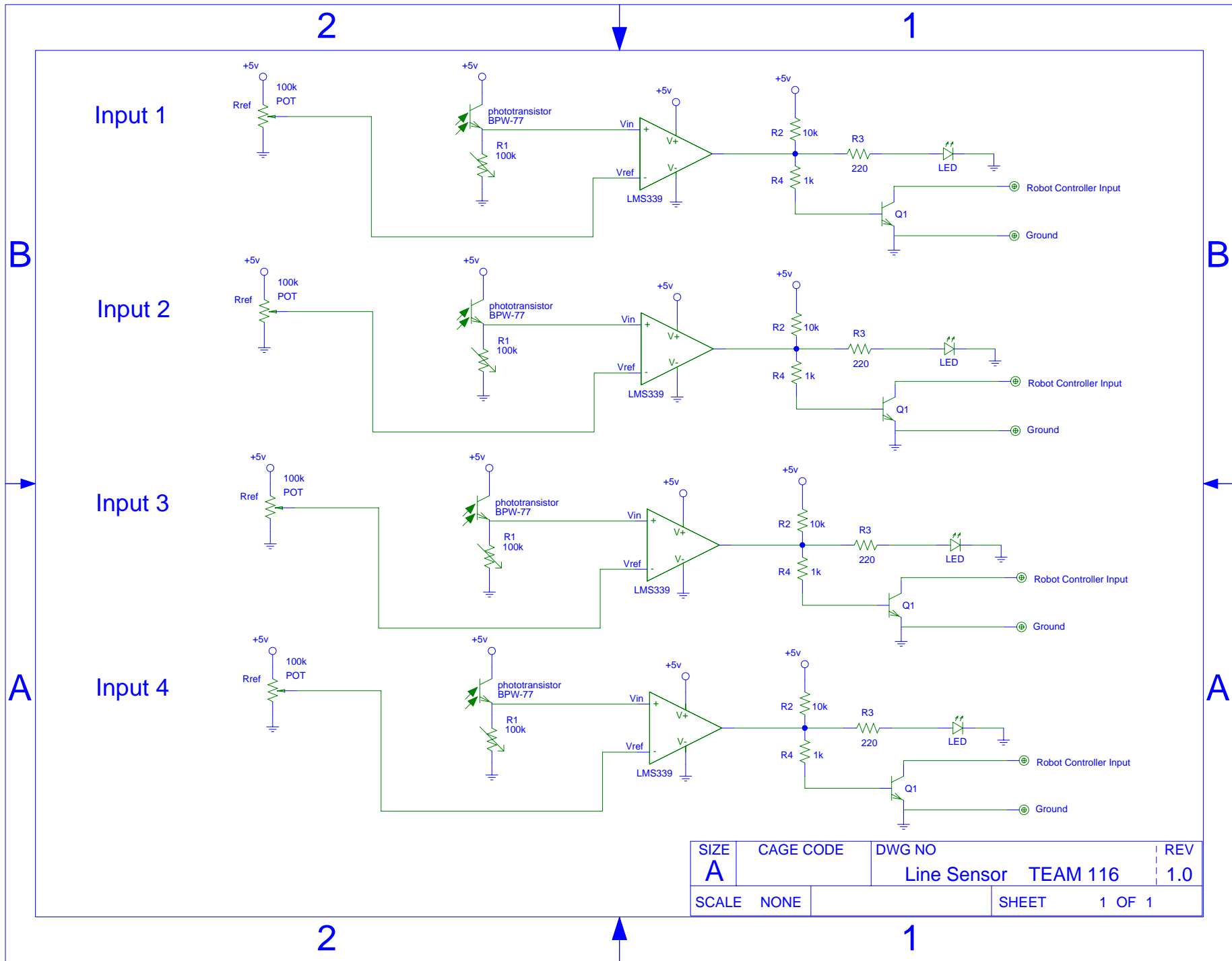


LINE SENSOR

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SIZE	CAGE CODE	DWG NO	REV
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SCALE	NONE	SHEET	1 OF 1

DESCRIPTION

The line sensor array consists of four visible light phototransistors and five high-intensity yellow LEDs. The phototransistors measure the relative brightness of the floor, where lighter colors correspond to higher voltage across R1. The threshold is set by potentiometer R_{REF} . When V_{IN} is greater than V_{REF} , the comparator is in a high impedance state and the output is pulled-up to 5V by R2. When V_{IN} is less than V_{REF} the comparator output is shorted to ground.

R3 and the LED provide feedback. When the sensor output is higher than V_{REF} the LED is on.

Transistor Q1 is used as an open-collector switch to interface with the robot controller.

All four sensing circuits share a common reference voltage, V_{REF} .